Foodgrain production

1227. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrain produced during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) the extent of procurement of foodgrains in the said years;

(c) the quantity of foodgrains imported during those years; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The production of foodgrains in the Crop Years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 and procurement of foodgrains by the Department of Food and Public Distribution in the Marketing Seasons during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-2007 is given in Statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) There has been no import of foodgrains for the Central Pool by the Department of Food and Public Distribution during 2004-05 and 2005-06. However, since the procurement of wheat in Rabi Markeing Season (RMS) 2006-07 was only 92.3 lakh tonnes as against 147.9 lakh tonnes procured in the the previous year, to make up the shortfall in RMS 2006-07, the Government took decisions to import 55 lakh tonnes of wheat in 2006-07 to meet the requirements of the Targeted Public Distribution System and other welfare schemes.

Statement

Production and procurement of food grain during the years 2004-2005, 2005-06 and 2006-07

A. PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS DURING 2004-05, 2005-06 AND 2006-07.

(in lakh tonnes)

Crop Year	Wheat	Rice	Jowar	Bajra	Maize	Ragi
2004-05	686.4	831.3	72.4	79.3	141.8	24.3
2005-06	693.5	917.9	76.3	76.8	147.1	23.5
2006-07	725.0*	901.3*	77.2*	75.4*	135.6*	14.9*

* As per Second Advance Estimates.

B. PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS DURING THE CORRESPONDING MARKETING SEASONS 2004-05, 2005-06 AND 2006-07.

(in lakh tonnes)

Rabi Marketing Season	Wheat	Kharif Marketing Season	Rice	Jowar	Bajra	Maize	Ragi
2004-05	167.95	2004-05	246.85	0.12	1.35	6.31	0.49
2005-06	147.85	2005-06	276.57	0.67	0.05	10.16	0.66
2006-07	92.26	2006-07#	192.67	0.002	-	-	-

#As on 28.2.2007.

Import of wheat

1228. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to import wheat this year to meet the demand; and

(b) what is the total quantity of wheat to be imported and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cheating of consumers

1229. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of many companies cheating customers on BIS/ISI marks; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) Misuse of ISI Mark is checked by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)